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- (2) ~~a plurality of parallel spaced horizontally arranged horizontally oriented cross slats (9) extending transversely above said support slats in a direction normal to [said] a second pair of frame walls, the intermediate portions of said cross slats being supported by said support slats; and~~
- (d) ~~slat end support means on said second pair of frame walls supporting the adjacent ends of said cross slats, respectively.~~

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of 8/21/01 stated that the substitute specification submitted on 8/11/01 will NOT be entered.

The Examiner objected to the Specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, allegedly the terms "insulating air chamber", "lattice means" and "longitudinal side and transverse end walls" do not have a proper antecedent basis in the specification.

The Examiner rejected Claims 14-25 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, allegedly the "said second pair of frame walls" in lines 16, 17 of Claim 14 had no clear antecedent basis.

Applicant has amended the specification to align the language of the Specification with that used in Claim 14. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments. Applicant has also amended Claim 14 to remove a typographical error and overcome the Examiner's rejection. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Support for the amendment to Claim 14 is found in Figures 1A and 1B.

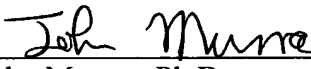
Applicant notes Examiner's request for a new set of drawings. Formal drawings are being prepared and will be submitted shortly. Applicant also notes that the substitute specification submitted on 8/11/01 will NOT be entered.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the Specification and Claims. In reply to the Office Action, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested for the reasons set forth in the above remarks. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.

Claims 14 – 25 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.

The paragraph starting on line 5 of page 5 of the specification:

The horizontal rectangular bed frame 1 includes a pair of parallel longitudinal side walls 1a and a pair of opposed transverse end walls 1b. The bottom of the rectangular frame 1 is closed by a bottom wall 4, thereby to define an open-topped enclosed space in which is mounted a lattice [arrangement] means 2 for supporting the bed mattress (not shown). The lattice means 2 comprises a plurality of parallel spaced longitudinally extending support slats 3 that are vertically oriented within the enclosed space adjacent the bottom wall 4. Extending transversely above the support slats 3 are a plurality of horizontal parallel spaced cross slats 9. As will be described in greater detail below, the support slats and cross slats define a plurality of [air insulation] insulating air chambers 5 within the enclosed space. The side walls 1a and the end 1b of the frame are connected by corner sections 6, as will be described below.

14. (amended) A bed frame for supporting a mattress, comprising:

- (a) a rigid horizontal rectangular frame (1) including opposed pairs of parallel spaced vertically oriented longitudinal side (1a) and transverse end (1b) walls, respectively;
- (b) a planar wooden bottom wall (4) connected with the bottom of said frame to define an open-topped enclosed space;
- (c) lattice means (2) cooperating with said wooden bottom wall to define in said enclosed space a plurality of insulating air chambers (5), said lattice means including:
 - (1) a plurality of parallel spaced horizontally-arranged vertically oriented support slats (3) arranged in said enclosed space normal to and extending between a first parallel pair of said frame walls; and
 - (2) a plurality of parallel spaced horizontally arranged horizontally oriented cross slats (9) extending transversely above said support slats in a direction normal to [said] a

- second pair of frame walls, the intermediate portions of
said cross slats being supported by said support slats; and
- (d) slat end support means on said second pair of frame walls
supporting the adjacent ends of said cross slats, respectively.